

Connect Group Notes 2 May 2010 Favour – Ps Phil Pringle

Psalm 102:13-16 (NKJV). "You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, Yes, the set time, has come. For Your servants take pleasure in her stones, And show favor to her dust. So the nations shall fear the name of the LORD, And all the kings of the earth Your glory. For the LORD shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory."

We are coming into a time of great favour

As a church and individuals, most of us have experienced very challenging times in the last two or so years. But God will always help us to rise up over the circumstances that are challenging us.

God has 'set times', defined points in time, when His favour will be bestowed and Ps Phil has a prophetic vision that we are now at the beginning of a three month period of great favour.

Why?

Because we have favoured the house of God in even the smallest things and remained constant and faithful, especially during the hard times, we are rewarded with God's abundance at this set time.

Favour?

Genesis 39:4. If you are in the Lord, the Lord is with you and you will find favour and success. When God's favour is on you, people will in turn favour you and what you put your hand to will prosper. God's favour and God's grace are interchangeable.

What brings Favour?

1. Attitude

When we allow our circumstance to dishearten us so that our attitude sours, in turn our spirit sours. We must not let our spirit become disaffected, whatever the circumstances. Despite all of his terrible and undeserved circumstances, Joseph always kept a faithful spirit and was ultimately rewarded in great abundance. Hate blinds us, but by keeping our heart pure, we shall see God.

2. Obedience

Favour falls on obedience. We must do what God tells us to. Tithing with a generous heart is just one example of our obedience in favouring the house of God.

Favour comes at the end of troubled times

James 1:12. We prove our love for God by going through troubled times victoriously. Tough times are a test for us that God wants us to pass so that he can put a crown of favour on our head. In the wilderness, Jesus Christ resisted the temptations of the devil and was favoured by God with the power of miracles and the crown of the resurrection. Revelation 19:12.

Haggai 2:7-8. All of the world's treasures belong to God and He can bestow these riches to those who favour Him and in turn enjoy His favour.

TALK ABOUT

- **What approaches can we use to help us to keep a great attitude in tough times?**
- **What are we doing to encourage God's favour?**
- **What stops us being obedient?**
- **How has God's favour been manifested in your life?**

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Connect Leader Training

Please remember that Connect Leader Training is coming up at the Oxford Falls Campus on Sunday 23rd May and on Tuesday 25th May. Training starts on Sunday at 11am or Tuesday at 7.30pm, both held in the Glasshouse and only 2 hours long. And don't forget, its free of charge! Please send your assistant leaders and any up and coming leaders to the training for them to be equipped to run a connect group. Its also a great refresher for all connect group leaders. RSVPs can be sent to connect@my3church.net.

EveryWoman 2

The second EveryWoman night for all 3 campuses is this Thursday 6th May at 7.30pm! This year the EveryWoman nights will be on the same night at each campus, just with a different speaker. The Oxford Falls Campus will be hearing from Ps Chris Pringle which will be followed by a short film festival. The City Campus will be hearing from Ps Kirrily Lowe and that will be followed by a clothes swap. The Silverwater Campus will be hearing from Ps Vicki Simpson. Make sure you grab a card from the Concierge Desk and invite the all women you know!

